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Reclama for ORD funds in 1964 Congressional Rudget SUBJECT:

1. P & P Staff is preparing a paper summarizing the Budget Hearings and will have some recommendations for strengthening our defenses for the 1965 budget. In the course of reviewing the history of the ORD budget, the following important facts became known and may be useful as of this moment.

2. Representative Cannon has, for a number of years, been a friend of the Agency and has always heard a complete run through of our budget presentation. Prior to June 1963 he was provided with a listing which mentioned that Dr. Scoville was to appear to defend the new monies asked for DD/R and ORD in 1964. This was the first real budget for DD/R or ORD, as previous funding had been on an interim and piece-meal basis. As events developed. Dr. Scoville was resigning at the time of the Budget Mearings, and a decision was made that the DO/R and ORD budget would be defended before Representative Cammon by the DCI, EDCI, and Dr. Scoville had offered to defend the budget, but it was felt that a defense in a "lame Duck" status would not present the best picture to Mr. Cannon; the actual hearing was conducted with Messrs. McCone. Carter. and present.

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- 3. The important point in the above is that Representative Cannon has never had the courtesy nor the benefit of a full explanation of the purpose of ORD by a technically trained person in the direct line of Administration of thet Office. Certainly no inferences can be made of the lack of interest nor intent by those who defended the ORD budget before Mr. Cannon, but neither can one escape the fact that the strongest representation and emphasis have not yet been applied in behalf of ORD before the Congressional committee.
- 4. This is, of course, an extremely delicate situation to handle, but we propose that arrangements be made for a substantive presentation to Representative Common in order to appeal our cause. If this audience can be arranged, we would then prepare a first-rate motivating presentation designed to lay before Representative Cannon in detail the purposes and goals of OED.

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